

CAIRO

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The big story today - Nasser quits. Probably meaning the end of an era in Egypt -- possibly even for the entire Middle East. However, the latest is he may reconsider, at a U.A.R. meeting tomorrow.

Gamel Abdel Nasser - the most powerful and controversial so-called Arab leader in modern history - of course eighty percent of all Egyptians are not Arabs at all. But Nasser is the man who nationalized the Suez Canal - built the Aswan High Dam - nearing completion - and tried to unite the Arab world, now victim of his second disastrous war with Israel - in less than a decade.

Nasser himself today announced his resignation - in a nationwide radio and television broadcast to his people. Looking tired and grim - admitting publicly for the first time - Egypt's "grave setback" on the battlefield. Also again blaming the United States and Britain for supposedly playing a direct role in the Israeli victory.

Even so - said Nasser - "I am taking full responsibility for this tragedy." "And therefore" he added - "I have taken a decision. I have decided to return - to the ranks of the people."

Nasser saying he would take with him in retirement == many of his chief lieutenants; among them - his first Vice President and Deputy Commander of Egyptian Armed Forces - Marshal Abdel Hakim Amer. Suggesting as his successor - Egyptian Vice President Zakaria Mohieddin.

~~Then~~ Like a fading comet ^{is he now} ~~he was~~ gone? After thirteen years of blazing leadership ^{did} Nasser burning himself out in futile combat? ~~Or did he?~~

In the wake of his emotional broadcast ^{there were} ~~of~~ demonstrations all over Cairo. ~~and~~ Crowds shouting; "We want Nasser - we want Nasser." While others - men and women alike - were weeping in the streets.

ADD CAIRO

Then came that
~~whereupon - a~~ second announcement ~~from Colonel~~ *that*

Nasser ~~He~~ would make no final decision - until he appears
before the Egyptian ~~as~~ national assembly tomorrow
morning. ~~He~~ Observers saying that under pressure from
the assembly - he would surely stay on as President.

~~I wonder~~

DAMASCUS

On the battlefield ~~though - no turning back.~~
Israeli forces ^{were} driving ahead today ^{along their} ~~the full sweep of~~
~~their forty-eight mile~~ ^{northern} border with Syria.

~~Where both sides~~ ^{today were} ~~and earlier accepted a ceasefire~~
~~both sides now~~ blaming each other for ^{today's} ~~the~~ battle.

~~Apparently the only thing certain the outcome~~

According to United Nations observers - Israeli
air attacks ^{were} making a shambles of Damascus. While
according to Jerusalem - an Israeli blitzkrieg ^{was heading} ~~attacking~~
^{for the} ~~to the very~~ gates of the Syrian capital. ^{with} Israeli sources
~~further~~ predicting imminent collapse - of the ruling Syrian
military junta.

Meanwhile, the U N Security Council today ~~was~~
demanding for ^a ~~the~~ third time - an immediate cease-fire
on ^{This time} ~~all~~ fronts. Israel and Syria - both ^{were} ~~promptly~~ accepting
the call. ~~And this time - it looks as if it may stick.~~

WASHINGTON FOLLOW BATTLE

As far
~~still to come~~, a final settlement, ~~And~~ though
the United States had nothing to do with the fighting --
Washington served notice today that we will have plenty
to say about the peace.

The White House flatly reaffirming an earlier
U S commitment - to support the territorial integrity
of all nations in the Middle East, "matters of territorial
integrity - the future of the *Gulf of Akaba* - ~~Strait of Tiran~~ - these and
all the other issues between the Arab countries and Israel
-- are at the heart of the effort that will be made in the
days ahead -- to build a just and durable peace;" - said
White House Press Secretary George Christian.

What of Israeli ground gains - over the past few
days? We'll ~~just~~ have to wait and see - said Christian.

RED CHINA

Red China's fanatical Red Guards ^{were put} on notice today; that "fists, slander, guns ~~and~~ or knives" will never make a success of chairman Mao's so-called "cultural ^v revolution."

The statement - in a broadcast over Radio Peking - ~~suggesting~~ that recent riots in Shanghai and elsewhere - were caused by too much zeal on the part of pro-Maoists. ~~These said to be "leading comrades" who "only give orders and think that is it."~~

~~Such Maoists~~ guilty of gross arrogance - said Peking. Adding: "We can rely only on persuasion - never on force."

Be that as it may - the "cultural revolution" apparently continues unabated. One of China's top generals writing today in the official Army ~~newspaper~~ - that there can be "no peaceful co-existence" in the current power struggle, ~~Not~~ between parents and children -- not even between lovers - said he.

FOOTNOTE FOLLOW VIETNAM

~~A welcome footnote to the war~~ In Vietnam --

~~comes today from~~ a captured enemy document, suggesting that American influence and culture may yet prove a decisive factor in the search for peace.

Viet Cong guerrillas ^{are} beginning to take on too many American ways. ^{So} said the document. Therefore, decreeing that Viet Cong troops are forbidden, henceforth - from dressing in the American style; from wearing quote "thin and tight clothes." ~~Enemy soldiers~~ also forbidden to comb their hair ⁱⁿ "the American way;" ~~supposedly~~ because it's "anti-patriotic and depraved -- disgusting and ugly."

Perhaps more to the point - ~~the order further~~ forbidding the ~~enemy~~ from listening to any more American radio broadcasts. The excuse that it's only "entertainment" -- no longer to be tolerated. -- ~~said the high command~~.

All this - according to Saigon: a sign the Viet Cong are getting worried -- over growing defections to the government cause.

NEW YORK

A social note: In New York - formal announcement today of the bethrothal of Mrs. Marie Blackton - to former Congressman Hamilton Fish.

Mrs. Blackton - a Russian-born widow of noble descent. Ham Fish - you recall - a Republican congressman from Nineteen Twenty through Nineteen Forty-five. First chairman - of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. At seventy-eight - a widower for the past

seven years. Hamilton Fish, the only member of Walter Camp's All American - All American football team.

The wedding - set for June twenty-second. And all best wishes, Ham - to you and your lovely bride-to-be.

NEW ENGLAND

The First Lady -- Ladybird Johnson -- on tour today in New England. Mrs. Johnson planning four days of sightseeing - in Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. ~~And~~ Beautiful sights they are to see - this time of year.

The visit - part of the First Lady's personal beautification campaign. However, Mrs. Johnson warning her hosts in advance - she may have to pack up and leave at a moment's notice; if she happens to get a certain ~~no~~ call -- from down Texas way.

Luci Baines ^{Nugent}~~Johnson~~ - expecting her first baby any day now. And Mrs. Johnson letting it be known - she'll be off and running the minute she hears her first grand-child is on the way.

~~WASHINGTON~~
Seminole

Headline in Florida: "Indians scalp white man."

This -- a figure of speech, of course. But based in truth - on a court decision today in Washington; giving the Seminole Indians a major victory at last - in their century-old war against the United States.

The verdict -- in a court of claims. Finding the Seminoles had been deprived of rightful lands -- in a manner that "shocked the conscience." Ordering that the Indians be reimbursed for their loss - at prices in effect when the ^{land} ~~land~~ was first confiscated by the government. That means not much per acre, 100yo.

The area in question -- a total of thirty-two million acres; or about ninety percent - of the entire State of Florida. Which means that payment to the Seminoles - could run ^{around} ~~as high as~~ forty million bucks.

STANFORD

Next up -- a story of seals and skin-divers; from the Stanford Research Institute - on the Coast of California.

The problem - it seems: That skin divers in their black wet-suits - bear a strange resemblance to seals. Said resemblance -- reportedly attracting the attention of a number of elephant seals; giant creatures who flock annually - to Ano Nuevo Island off the Pacific Coast.

Result - we're told -- some strange goings-on. Reaching the point where two skin-divers - were recently attacked by the normally-peaceful seals.

Neither of the victims - badly hurt. However, Stanford officials ^{are} urging skin-divers to stay away from Ano Nuevo Island - at least till the mating season is over. ^{Warren} and seal-men.